Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 21 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 22 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Monday 20 Dec 2021 at 14:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of cloud breaks on Tuesday. High for changeable conditions to develop later in the week. Low for northward extent of precipitation on Wednesday. Low for detail on Thursday and Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 21 Dec 2021: Cold and mainly dry with variable cloud cover

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 21 Dec 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG				
Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%

Forecast for Tuesday 21 Dec 2021

Weather: Apart from the odd snow flurry there will be a lot of dry weather. A lot of low cloud likely, although some thinning of the cloud possible across Lochaber and Skye, and later on across northern Sutherland. Highest summits will be above the inversion and cloud free.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%

Visibility: Poor in low cloud down to 400 metres, although the highest tops are likely to be above the cloud layer with good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	7/9 SW	8/10 SW	7/9 SW	5/7 SW	5/6 S	5/6 SE	6/8 SE	7/9 SE	8/11 SE
900	7/8 SW	7/10 SW	7/9 SW	5/6 SW	4/6 S	5/6 SE	6/8 SE	7/9 SE	8/11 SE
600	5/6 SW	4/6 SW	4/6 SW	3/5 SW	4/6 S	4/6 SE	4/6 SE	5/8 SE	6/9 SE
300	1/7 SW	2/8 SW	2/8 SW	2/6 SW	2/4 S	2/4 SE	3/6 E	3/8 SE	3/8 SE
Glen	2/3 NE	2/3 NE	2/4 NE	3/4 NE	2/5 E	3/5 E	3/5 E	3/6 E	3/6 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-3/-6	-3/-7	-3/-7
900	-2/-5	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-4	-2/-4	-2/-5	-2/-6	-3/-7
600	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	0/-2	-0/-3	-1/-4
300	1/-0	1/-0	1/-0	1/-0	2/0	2/0	1/-1	1/-1	-0/-2
Glen	3/2	4/2	3/2	4/2	4/3	4/3	4/2	3/1	1/-1
Freezing Level*	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m	500m	400m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Nil

Forecast for Wednesday 22 Dec 2021

Weather: The majority of daylight hours will be dry with some weak sunshine, less in the way of low cloud than of late. Rain (perhaps with some freezing rain), with snow inland, will become persistent from dusk onwards south of a line Inverness to Torridon. Remaining mostly dry to the north of this.

Maximum wind: Easterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Very good for most of the day. Becoming poor down to 700 metres in low cloud once precipitation sets across the south later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 5 rising to 2 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius. Rising to plus 1 Celsius in the southwest later.
Freezing level: 400 metres, but rising to 1200 metres along southwestern coastal ranges later.

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